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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 4, AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to prepare the construction and maintenance services contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000715 - Cooks Canyon Crib Dam M1-A Debris Basin Outlet Drain System, City of Glendale (5), to G. Coast Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$422,005.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000938 - Alamitos Barrier Project and Dominguez Gap Barrier Project, Replacement of Valves at Pressure Reducing Stations, and Miscellaneous Improvements, Cities of Carson and Long Beach (2 and 4), to Engineering Plumbing, Inc., in the amount of \$1,158,804.00.

Project ID No. RDC0011919 - Montrose Avenue, et al., vicinity of Glendale (5), to Excel Paving Company, in the amount of \$2,471,822.07.

Project ID No. RDC0014677 - Little Tujunga Canyon Road at Mile Marker 14.44, in the Angeles National Forest (5), to Superior Gunite, in the amount of \$430,555.00.

Project ID No. RMD1546036 - Parkway Tree Trimming - RD 514, FY 2005-06, vicinity of Altadena (5), to United Pacific Services, Inc., in the amount of \$100,451.00.

Project ID No. RMD5547076 - Wauconda Drive, et al., Slurry Seal, FY 2005-06, vicinities of Palmdale and Elizabeth Lake (5), to American Asphalt South, Inc., in the amount of \$246,640.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. FCC0000715, FCC0000938, RDC0011919, and RDC0014677.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2005-06 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000715, COOKS CANYON CRIB DAM M1-A DEBRIS BASIN
OUTLET DRAIN SYSTEM (City of Glendale), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of reinforced concrete inlet and outlet structures and drain pipe, excavation and grading, paving an access ramp, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 29, 2005 (Synopsis 63)

BID OPENING DATE: January 5, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	* G. Coast Construction, Inc., a corporation 5461 Encino Avenue Encino, California 91316 (818) 907-9246	\$422,005.00
2	Southwest Engineering, Inc.	\$438,170.00
3	Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc.	\$466,809.00
4	+ S.P. Pazargad Engineering Construction, Inc.	\$475,239.61
5	Bonadiman-McCain, Inc.	\$489,815.00

+LSBE

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$241,929.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$422,005.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$180,076.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 74 percent above the estimate, which was based on recent contract prices for similar items of work. While the bid price is higher than the estimate, the bids received are competitive, and readvertising the project will result in increased contract administration costs and delay construction with no guarantee that lower bids will be received. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

G. Coast Construction, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 2(b) and 4(b) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Sections 15302 and 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in April and be completed in July 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000938, ALAMITOS BARRIER PROJECT AND DOMINGUEZ GAP BARRIER PROJECT, REPLACEMENT OF VALVES AT PRESSURE REDUCING STATIONS, AND MISCELLANEOUS IMPROVEMENTS (Cities of Carson and Long Beach) Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Replacement of existing water valves at two pressure reducing vaults; removal of turbines and generators; modification of electrical equipment; construction of flow meters, 3- and 4-inch force mains by open trench and micro tunneling, and the construction of a reinforced concrete detention tank; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 1, 2005 (Synopsis 34)

BID OPENING DATE: December 13, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Engineering Plumbing, Inc., a corporation 5103-5111 Bleecker Street Baldwin Park, California 91706 (626) 480-8611	\$1,158,804.00
2	Orion Construction Corp.	\$1,167,040.00
3	*J. A. Salazar Construction & Supply Corp.	\$1,365,180.00
4	Mladen Buntich Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,455,472.00

*MBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 915,654.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,158,804.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 243,150.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 27 percent above the estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. However, since all four bids received were competitively priced, we do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the lowest bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Engineering Plumbing, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (e) and (l), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in April and be completed in August 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0011919, MONTROSE AVENUE, ET AL. (in the vicinity of Glendale), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Resurfacing and reconstruction of existing roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and curb drains; construction of curb ramps and bus pads; removal, root pruning, and planting of parkway trees; and the installation of striping and pavement markings.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: October 11, 2005 (Synopsis 78)

BID OPENING DATE: November 8, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Palp, Inc., a corporation dba Excel Paving Company 2230 Lemon Avenue Long Beach, California 90806 (562) 599-5841	\$2,471,822.07
2	*Padilla Paving Company	\$2,539,490.55
3	Sully-Miller Contracting Company	\$2,746,257.75
4	Gentry Brothers, Inc.	\$2,749,771.57
5	Mepco Services, Inc.	\$2,780,824.00
6	Silvia Construction, Inc.	\$2,868,976.28

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$2,132,456.99
Amount of recommended contract	\$2,471,822.07
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 339,365.08

The amount of the recommended contract is 16 percent above the estimate, which was based on the bid price history of the various items. A review of the estimate indicates that the prices of several items were below current market prices. Since all six bids received were above the estimate and are very competitive, we do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

A portion of the project is within the City of Glendale. County-City Cooperative Agreement No. 74893 provides for the County to administer the construction of the project with the City and the County to finance their respective jurisdictional share of the project cost.

This project will be administered under the Federal Surface Transportation Program covered by Agreement No. 71078 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-aid funds allocated to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the cost of the road improvement projects. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Proposition C Local Return Fund and Road Fund Budgets.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Excel Paving Company has no DBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract has a Federal DBE goal of 14 percent. However, the contractor has demonstrated a good faith effort to meet this goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On June 8, 2004, Synopsis No. 43, your Board found that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 120 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in February and be completed in August 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014677, LITTLE TUJUNGA CANYON ROAD AT MILE
MARKER 14.44 (in the Angeles National Forest), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a soldier pile retaining wall and guardrail and the reconstruction of existing roadway pavement that was damaged during the 2005 storms.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 6, 2005 (Synopsis 42)

BID OPENING DATE: January 5, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Superior Gunite, a corporation 12306 Van Nuys Boulevard Lakeview Terrace, California 91342 (818) 896-9199	\$430,555.00
2	+S.P. Pazargad Engineering Construction, Inc.	\$472,578.00
3	*G. Coast Construction, Inc.	\$516,900.00
4	+PPC Construction, Inc.	\$698,110.00

+LSBE
*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$548,100.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$430,555.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$117,545.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 21 percent below the estimate.

This repair is necessary as a result of the damage caused by rainstorms of January and February 2005. We are seeking reimbursement for a portion of the cost under Federal and State Disaster Assistance programs. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Superior Gunitite has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 26 percent. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. This project is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act as an emergency project per Section 15269 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 35 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in April and be completed in May 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD1546036, PARKWAY TREE TRIMMING - RD 514, FY 2005-06
(in the vicinity of Altadena), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming of parkway trees

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 29, 2005 (Synopsis 65)

BID OPENING DATE: December 29, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

Sole Bidder	+United Pacific Services, Inc., a corporation	\$100,451.00
	120 East La Habra Blvd., Suite 107	
	La Habra, California 90631	
	(562) 691-4600	

+ LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 60,075.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$100,451.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 40,376.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 67 percent above the engineer's estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for the various items of work. We do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. While the bid price is significantly higher than the estimate, readvertising the project will result in increased contract administration costs and delay trimming of the trees with no guarantee that lower bids will be received. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract the sole bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

United Pacific Services, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (j), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in February and be completed in April 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD5547076, WAUCONDA DRIVE, ET AL., SLURRY SEAL,
FY 2005-06 (in the vicinities of Palmdale and Elizabeth Lake), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Slurry sealing of roadway pavement.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 13, 2005 (Synopsis 46)

BID OPENING DATE: January 10, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	American Asphalt South, Inc., a corporation P.O. Box 3610 Fontana, California 92334 (909) 427-8276	\$246,640.00
2	Valley Slurry Seal Company	\$269,540.00
3	Pavement Coatings Co.	\$298,740.00
4	+Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc.	\$303,360.00

+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$260,000.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$246,640.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 13,360.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 5.1 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

American Asphalt South, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(1), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in April and be completed in June 2006.

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